



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Rio Grande National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Xcel Energy Transmission and Distribution Authorization; Operation and Maintenance Plan Project CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Matthew Custer 720-822-4321 mscuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to reauthorize approximately 293 miles of existing electric transmission line and 196 miles of electric distribution line; develop and implement a standardized O&M Plan for routine maintenance and vegetation management.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District, Saguache Ranger District, Pawnee Ranger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, West Zone/Rifle Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Leadville Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Conejos, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Jefferson, Lake, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache, Summit, Weld. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located on applicable Xcel transmission and distribution lines on National Forests and Grasslands in Colorado,.				

Rio Grande National Forest Conejos Peak Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Belmarez Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Belmarez family proposes legal motorized access to private property by using an existing driveway across NFS lands. From NFS road 103, the route crosses 240 feet of NFS land. A 24 feet wide right-of-way would encompass 0.13 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 0.13 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Private property south of Magote, Colorado near the Bighorn Corral.				
Clinton Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/09/2019	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mr. Clinton has proposed motorized access to his private property using a non-system road across National Forest System lands. The route is approximately 2,800 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 1.54 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 1.54 acres, more or less, in Sec. 24, T. 36 N., R. 4 E. & Sec. 26, T. 36 N., R. 4.5 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Access to private property in Robinson Gulch approximately two miles east of Platoro, CO.				
Conejos Water Conservancy District Weather Station Reauth CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/22/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 andrew.peterson@usda.gov
	Description: The reauthorization of five weather stations operated and maintained by the Conejos Water Conservancy District. Two of the sites are in the South San Juan Wilderness and require review.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - SE1/4 Sec. 24, T. 36 N., R. 3 E.; SW1/4 Sec. 34, T. 36 N., R. 4 E.; NE1/4 Sec. 35, T. 35 N., R. 3 E.; NE1/4 Sec. 14, T. 34 N., R. 4 E.; NW1/4 Sec. 29, T. 33 N., R. 5 E., NMPM, Conejos County, CO. Five sites on the Conejos Peak District in and around the South San Juan Wilderness.				

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Iron Creek Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2009	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multiple owners have requested legal motorized access on the non-system road along Iron Creek in the vicinity of Prospect Mountain				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - A right-of-way approximately 6,700 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 3.69 acres, more or less, in Secs. 1 & 12, T. 36 N., R. 3 E.; Sec. 7, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., NMPM, Conejos County, CO. The Iron Creek road leaves NFSR 380 and travels up Iron Creek east of Sheepshead Mountain.				
Mogote - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Fence Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Andrea Jones 719-274-8971 amjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will be the construction of about 1.5 miles of fence and two water gaps into the Conejos River within the Mogote Forest Service Administrative horse pasture just south of the community of Fox Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43736				
Platoro Reservoir Vault Toilet Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T33N, R7E, NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec.33. West of Mogote Campground.				
	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/02/2018	08/2018	Jeremiah Martinez 719-274-8971 jeremiah.martinez@usda.gov
	Description: The existing Platoro Reservoir parking area vault toilet #MXLKPAT25 is inoperable and has been closed for public use. The proposed action is to remove the existing obsolete structure and replace with a new concrete CXT building.				
	Web Link: https://usfs.box.com/s/hzmsw5o4s0u5hxx3l75cqgvdzr2ke3ct				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T36N, R4E Section 21 N.M.P.M. Platoro, Conejos County, Colorado.				

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Platoro fence extension CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kelly Garcia 719-274-6317 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will be the re-construction of ½ mile of fence and the construction of one-quarter mile of new fence construction on the east boundary of the community of Platoro. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43786				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T36N, R4E, NE1/4 SE1/4, Sec.23. East of Platoro community.				
Public Services Co Electric Distribution Extension CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/06/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: From existing overhead terminus, the installation of approximately 600 feet of overhead line to NFSR 103, then burying the electric line for 7,300 feet in NFSR 103 and 129 for the purpose of providing service to private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - A 1.81 acre right-of-way in Secs. 10 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Electric distribution line extension in the vicinity of Bighorn Corral south of Mogote and Fox Creek, Colorado. Project is approximately 10 miles southwest of Antonito, Colorado.				
Rito Hondo - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Corral Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kelly Garcia 719-274-6317 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will be the construction of a small horse corral within the Rito Hondo Forest Service Administrative horse pasture just north of the Bighorn Corral on FDR 103. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43787				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T32N, R7E, NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec.10. North of Bighorn Corral on FSR103.				
Rito Hondo, LLC Access Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Forest road special use permit approximately 12,750 feet in length and 16 feet in width encompassing 4.68 acres, more or less, in Secs. 10, 11 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado, for the purpose of accessing private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 4.68 acres in Secs. 10, 11 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Near the Bighorn Corral at the confluence of Rito Hondo and Bighorn Creeks south of Fox Creek and Mogote, Colorado.				

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Sheepshead Enterprises, LLC Access. CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2010	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Forest Road Permit 8,000 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 4.41 acres in Sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado for the use of the closed NFSRs 380.6A and 380.6H to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 4.41 acres in Sec. 2, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Approximately five miles northwest of Platoro, Colorado.				
Trail Gulch Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/12/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Judi Perez 719-852-6240 judi.perez@usda.gov
	Description: The Conejos Peak Ranger District is proposing to treat up to 13,200 acres of the 51,460-acre project area. The Conejos Peak Ranger District has identified a need to improve overall forest health in the project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60258				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T.33N., R.5E.; T.33N., R.6E.; T.33N., R.7E.; T.32N., R.4E.; T.32N., R.5E.; T.32N., R.6E.; and T.32N., R.7E., New Mexico Prime Meridian. Conejos Peak RD Generally, south of highway 17,south to NM/CO border, west to Cumbres Pass, east to Fox Creek then south along the RGNF boundary, generally 10.38 miles west of Antonito, CO.				

Rio Grande National Forest	Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Golding Access SUA Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2021	08/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 andrew.peterson@usda.gov
	Description: Reissuance of a FLPMA private driveway permit to the new owner of the property served and for the remainder of the term.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - A private road permit 750 feet in length and 30 feet in width encompassing 0.52 acres, more or less, and located in the NW1/4 of Sec. 13, T. 42 N., R. 1 W., NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado. Private driveway off of NFSR 503 approximately three miles north of Creede, CO.				

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Midwest Mine short term exploration CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/16/2021	08/2021	Patrick Moran 719-852-6286 patrick.j.moran@usda.gov
	Description: The proponent is proposing to reopen the adit entrance to the Midwest mine on the Bachelor Loop north of Creede. They intend to remove the material blocking the portal to explore within the existing workings and collect samples.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three miles north of Creede, CO, adjacent to the Bachelor Loop.				
NFSR 520 heritage interpretive sign authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/16/2021	07/2021	Martha Williamson 7198502356 martha.williamson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to issue a special use authorization for the installation of 9 heritage interpretive signs along NFSR 520.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Hinsdale, Mineral, San Juan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nine locations on National Forest System lands along the Rio Grande Reservoir Road (NFSR 520).				
Special Uses - Treasure Pass Diversion Ditch Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/02/2021	08/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Stabilize actively eroding head-cuts at three sites along the Treasure Pass Diversion Ditch Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60432				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treasure Pass Ditch on Wolf Creek Pass.				
Swanson Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/01/2020	06/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed is legal motorized access to private property. The route would cross 525 feet of NFS lands. A 24 feet wide right-of-way would encompass 0.29 acres, more or less.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - 0.29 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 23, T. 42 N., R. 1 W., NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado. Off the Bachelor Loop Road (NFSR 504) northeast of Creede, Colorado.				

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Tucker Ponds Snowmobile Parking Lot expansion CE	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2021	Expected:05/2021	10/2021	Martha Williamson 719.657.6007 martha.williamson@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to expand the existing Tucker Ponds winter parking area by 0.8ac in order to alleviate congestion at the US160 chain station. This project is in cooperation with CSP, CDOT, Mineral County, and snowmobile clubs.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Intersection of NFSR 390 and US 160, approximately 13 miles west of South Fork, CO.				

Rio Grande National Forest	Saguache Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Burnt Gulch and Major Creek AML Closures CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Patrick Moran 719-852-6286 patrickjmoran@fs.fed.us
	Description: Closure of 15 mine sites that are considered physical hazards. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56313				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1 mile northeast of Crestone.				
Saguache Peak Comm Site Generator CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/17/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 andrew.peterson@usda.gov
	Description: AT&T has applied to add a generator for back up power at their facility at the Saguache Peak Communications Site.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Sec. 7, T. 45 N., R. 8 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. Saguache Peak Communications Site.				

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Rio Grande National Forest Saguache Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Terburg Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2018	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mr. Terburg is proposing to use 4,300 feet of seasonally closed national forest system road for the purpose of accessing private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Secs. 31 & 32, T. 44 N., R. 12 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. National Forest System Road 950 along North Crestone Creek.				
Weaver Access Reauthorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reauthorization of a FLPMA forest road special use permit approximately 3,750 feet in length and 14 feet in width encompassing 1.21 acres, more or less, in Secs. 7 & 18, T. 25 S., R. 73 W., 6th PM, Saguache County, Colorado.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - 1.21 acres in Secs. 7 & 18, T. 25 S., R. 73 W., 6th PM, Saguache County, Colorado. Motorized access to private property located in Pole Creek east of the Duncan townsite and about ten miles south of Crestone, CO.				

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